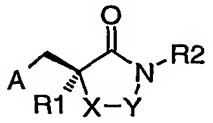
What is claimed is:

1. A compound according to Formula (I):



(I)

wherein,

R1 is selected from the group consisting of C_1-C9alkyl, C_{1-2}alkylAr, and Ar;

R2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C9alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylAr', NR4, NC(O)R4, C_{2-4}alkylNR3R4, C_{1-3}alkylC(O)NR3R4, C_{1-3}alkylC(O)Ar', C_{2-3}alkylNHC(O)NR3R4, C_{2-3}alkylNHC(O)Ar', and C_{1-2}alkylSO_2R4;

R3 is selected from the group consisting of C_1-C9alkyl, C_{1-2}alkylAr, and Ar;

R4 is R3, Ar', or R4 may be taken together with R3 and the nitrogen atom to which they are attached to form a heterocyclic ring which is optionally substituted with one, two, or three substiutents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-3}alkyl, aryl, C_{1-3}alkoxy (optionally substituted by one to three F), aryloxy, carboxy, oxo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, and cyano, or which may be optionally fused to an aryl, a heteroaryl, or a second heterocyclic ring;

Ar is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, furyl, and thienyl, all of which can be optionally substituted with one, two, or three substituents selected from the group consisting of: C_1-C_3alkyl, CN, F, Cl, Br, and I;

Ar' is selected from the group consisting of: phenyl, naphthyl, furyl, pyridyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, imidazolyl, imidazolidinyl, benzofuranyl, indolyl, thiazolidinyl, isoxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, pyrrolyl, and pyrimidyl, all of which can be optionally substituted with one, two, or three substituents from the group consisting of: C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, $(CH_2)_{0-5}CO_2R1$, $C(O)N(R1)_2$, CN, $(CH_2)_{0-5}OH$, NO_2, F, Cl, Br, I, CF_3, $N(R1)_2$, and NHC(O)R1;

A is selected from the group of C(O)NHOH or N(CHO)OH;

X is NH, when Y is C(O), or X is CH2 whenY is C(O) or CH2.

2. A compound according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

N-[(S)-1-Benzyl-4-pentyl-2,5-dioxo-imidazolidin-4-ylmethyl]-N-hydroxyformamide;
N-[(S)-1,4-Dibenzyl-2,5-dioxo-imidazolidin-4-ylmethyl]-N-hydroxyformamide;
N-[(S)-1-Benzyl-4-butyl-2,5-dioxo-imidazolidin-4-ylmethyl]-N-hydroxyformamide;
N-[(S)-2,5-Dioxo-4-pentyl-1-phenyl-imidazolidin-4-ylmethyl]-N-hydroxyformamide;
N-[(S)-4-Butyl-1-(3,4-dichloro-benzyl)-2,5-dioxo-imidazolidin-4- ylmethyl]-N-hydroxyformamide;
N-[(S)-4-Butyl-2,5-dioxo-1-(2-oxo-2-phenyl-ethyl)-imidazolidin-4-ylmethyl]-N-hydroxyformamide;
N-[(S)-1-Biphenyl-4-ylmethyl-4-butyl-2,5-dioxo-imidazolidin-4-ylmethyl]-N-hydroxyformamide;
N-[(S)-1-Benzyl-4-cyclohexylmethyl-2,5-dioxo-imidazolidin-4-ylmethyl]-N-hydroxyformamide;
N-{(S)-4-Butyl-1-[2-(5-chloro-3-methyl-1-benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl]-2,5-dioxo-imidazolidin-4-ylmethyl}-N-hydroxyformamide;
2-{(S)-4-Butyl-4-[(formyl-hydroxy-amino)methyl]-2,5-dioxo-imidazolidin-1-yl}-N-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)acetamide;
2-{(S)-4-Butyl-4-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-2,5-dioxo-imidazolidin-1-ylmethyl}benzoic acid methyl ester;
N-[(S)-4-Butyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethyl)-2,5-dioxo-imidazolidin-4-ylmethyl]-N-hydroxyformamide;
N-[(S)-1-(2-Benzofuran-2-yl-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-butyl-2,5-dioxo-imidazolidin-4-ylmethyl]-N-hydroxyformamide; and
2-{(S)-4-Butyl-4-[(formylhydroxyamino)methyl]-2,5-dioxo-imidazolidin-1-ylmethyl}benzoic acid;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. A method of treating a bacterial infection by administering to a subject in need of treatment a compound according to claim 1.